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BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF

REAR ADMIRAL ELMER E. YEOMANS, U. S. NAVY

FAMILY

Rear Admiral Elmer E. Yeomans was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on 17 May 1902, son of George H. and Sarah E. Yeomans. In April 1928 he married Helen Belmont Austin of New London, Conn. His official address is Linton, Indiana.

EDUCATION

Rear Admiral Yeomans attended Linton High School, Linton, Indiana. He was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy with the Class of 1924.

NAVAL CAREER

From June 1924 to December 1927 Admiral Yeomans served in the engineering and gunnery departments of the USS TENNESSEE. He attended the Submarine School in New London, Conn. and was graduated therefrom in June 1928. He served on board the submarine USS R-3 in the Pacific Fleet from June 1928 until July 1931.

He attended Postgraduate School at Annapolis from June 1931 to June 1932, studying Marine Engineering; continued these studies the following year at the University of California, and was awarded a Master of Science degree from that University.

He served as Executive Officer of the USS S-14 in the Panama Canal Zone from June 1933 to June 1934 and assumed command of the USS S-17 in June 1934. Upon decommissioning of the S-17 in May 1935 he assumed command of the USS S-20, a command he held until June 1936.

He served as Submarine Electrical Design Officer and Storage Battery Officer with the Bureau of Engineering from June 1936 to August 1938. In August 1938 he assumed command of the USS SARGO, operating with the Pacific Fleet. From March 1941 to May 1942 he served as Operations Officer for Commander Submarine Squadron FIVE. He assumed command of Submarine Division FIFTY THREE in May 1942.

He served as Submarine Readiness Officer in the headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet, Washington, D. C. for ten months commencing in late 1942. From this duty he returned to the Pacific as Planning Officer for Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, in which billet he served until the end of World War II.

Subsequent to the war Rear Admiral Yeomans served as Chief of Staff for Commander Submarine Force, Atlantic Fleet, for a short period. He was then ordered to duty as Naval Aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable W. John Kenney, in Washington, D. C. After about fifteen months in this duty he was ordered to the National War College at Fort Leslie J. McNair, Washington, D. C. from which he was graduated in June 1948.

From the National War College he went to duty as Chief of Staff for Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, in which assignment he served until assuming command of the USS ROANOKE on 16 December 1949. He commanded the USS ROANOKE until December 1950, when he was ordered to duty in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He served as Director of the Logistics Plans Division of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and as Navy member on the Joint Logistics Plans Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff until December 1953.

Rear Admiral Yeomans assumed command of Cruiser Division FOUR at Boston, Massachusetts, on 11 January 1954 and on June 3, 1955, reported as Deputy Commander, Naval Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe. In January 1958 he became Superintendent of the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.

DECORATIONS

Rear Admiral Yeomans was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service while performing duties as Strategic Planning Officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, from May 1944 to September 1945, and the Bronze Star Medal for his service while performing duties as Operations Officer of Task Force FORTY TWO from May 1942 to November 1942, and additional duty as Commander Submarine Division FIFTY THREE from June 1942 to February 1943.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Rear Admiral Yeomans is a member of the Army-Navy Country Club, the American Society of Naval Engineers and the Alumni Association of the University of California.

